ATTACHMENT A

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for producing pestivirus-like particles *ex vivo* comprising the steps of:

- providing a first nucleic acid sequence comprising a packaging competent genome from a retrovirus;
- providing a second nucleic acid sequence comprising a cDNA encoding core proteins from said retrovirus;
- providing a third nucleic acid sequence comprising a cDNA encoding a polyprotein comprising successively a pestivirus core protein, and a Erns protein and/or pestivirus E1 protein and/or a pestivirus E2 protein, and optionally a pestivirus p7 protein;
- transfecting host cells with said nucleic acid sequences and maintaining the transfected cells in culture for sufficient time to allow expression of the cDNAs to produce structural proteins from pestivirus and retrovirus; and
- allowing the structural proteins to form virus-like particles which do not include the pestivirus core protein.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said packaging competent genome from a retrovirus and core proteins are from a retrovirus selected from the group consisting of murine leukemia virus (MLV), avian leukosis virus (ALV), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), Mason-Pfizer monkey virus (MPMV), human

immunodeficiency virus 1 (HIV-1), human immunodeficiency virus 2 (HIV-2), simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), equine infectious anemia virus (EIAV), caprine arthritis encephalitis virus (CAEV), and human foamy virus (HFV).

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein core, Erns, E1 and E2 pestivirus proteins, and optionally p7 pestivirus protein, are from the same pestivirus.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said pestivirus is selected from the group consisting of bovine viral diarrhea virus, swine fever virus, and border disease virus.

5.-10. (Cancelled)